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FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE
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AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM
INFO: RUDKRB/AMEMBASSY BELGRADE 1720
AMEMBASSY BERLIN
AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST
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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY SOFIA
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TAGS: PFOR, CZ
SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF SPACIL VISIT TO SWEDEN

REFS STOCKHOLM 4860(NOTAL), COPENHAGEN 2967(NOTAL)

1. DANISH CHARGE CALLED IN BY FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO IN LOW KEY EXPRESSED CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT REGRET AT DANISH PRESS REACTION TO CHNOUPEK VISIT.
 2. SWEDISH CHARGE TOLD DCM THAT ON SEPT 3 HE WAS SUMMONED TO MEET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SPACIL, WHO TOLD HIM HE HAD DECIDED TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY HIS PLANS TO VISIT SWEDEN THIS FALL, SINCE
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THE SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER HAD PUBLICLY ATTACKED CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY REGARDS CURRENT SPATE OF VISITS, INCLUDING ICELANDIC FOREIGN MINISTER'S MUCH-PUBLICIZED STAY IN PRAGUE AND BRATISLAVA AUGUST 22 TO 25, FONMIN CHNOUPEK'S VISIT TO DENMARK AUG 31 TO SEPT 3, AND VISIT OF NORWEGIAN FONMIN FRYDENLUND, BEGINNING SEPT 8, AS LATEST ATTEMPTS BY GOC TO BOLSTER IMAGE OF RESPECTABILITY IN EYES OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC PUBLICS. CANCELLATION OF SPACIL VISIT TO SWEDEN, COPENHAGEN'S REPORTING OF DANISH PRESS REACTION TO CHNOUPEK VISIT AND CRITICISM OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT BY LONDON TIMES COLUMNIST BERNARD LEVIN FOR PERMITTING CHNOUPEK TO VISIT LONDON SEPT 13-19 ARE, HOWEVER, SYMPTOMATIC OF CONTINUING DIFFICULTIES CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERSHIP IS HAVING OVERCOMING THE STIGMA OF 1968.
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